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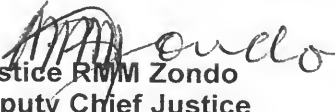
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**JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF STATE CAPTURE,
CORRUPTION AND FRAUD IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR INCLUDING ORGANS OF STATE**

18 JANUARY 2019

MEDIA STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION

1. In his affidavit submitted to the Commission, Mr Angelo Agrizzi, the former COO of BOSASA and the witness currently giving evidence before the Commission, has, among others, stated that he was told that the Secretary of the Commission, Dr Khotso De Wee, was one of the Senior Officials of the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development who were paid bribes by BOSASA in regard to a tender of 2013 for the establishment of a security system in various courts throughout the country. Mr Agrizzi states that Dr De Wee was the COO of the Department at the time. However, Mr Agrizzi also states that he has "no other information to confirm the correctness of this report".
2. After I had become aware of the above statement in Mr Agrizzi's affidavit, I brought it to Dr De Wee's attention. Dr De Wee confirmed that he was the COO of the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development in 2013. However, he has informed me that he was never at any stage paid any money by BOSASA or by anybody from BOSASA including the person mentioned in Mr Agrizzi's affidavit. Through its investigators, the Commission is investigating the allegation against Dr De Wee. In the light of this and the seriousness of the allegation against him, Dr De Wee has offered not to report for duty—in effect to take special leave—pending the outcome of the investigation of the allegation against him.
3. I have accepted Dr De Wee's offer. Accordingly, pending the outcome of the investigation of the allegation against him, Dr De Wee will stay away from work. It is envisaged that this will be with effect from Tuesday (22 January 2019) next week as it is going to be necessary for me to appoint someone as Acting Secretary of the Commission who will perform the duties of Secretary of the Commission during Dr De Wee's absence.


Justice RMM Zondo
Deputy Chief Justice
And
Chairperson of the Commission